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EXCERPT from letter to Roger W. Jones, Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, Executive Office of the President, signed by Harris Ellsworth, dated May 13, 1957:

"As you know, this office has long felt that special consideration should be given to civilian employees of the Government who have served for long periods in foreign countries and who in effect have made a career of service overseas. It has been our thought that certain provisions now available to Foreign Service Officers should be extended to such individuals. For example, for employees who have completed ten or more years of civilian service in foreign countries, it would seem reasonable to apply the two per cent rate in computing their annuities, and further, to permit them to retire on full annuities in the event of involuntary separation, not for cause, at age 50 with 20 or more years of creditable service including 10 years of civilian service in foreign countries.

"If Central Intelligence Agency were to submit a proposal along these lines, including a provision covering voluntary retirement at age 50 with 20 years total service, of which not less than 10 years covers civilian service in foreign areas, including 5 years overseas service for CIA, and authorizing retirement at full annuity computed at the 2% rate, subject to approval of such retirement by the CIA Director, this office would not object thereto. Such a proposal would be more nearly in line with the provisions of the Foreign Service Retirement System, and would lend itself to possible extension at some future date to employees of other agencies who have served long periods in foreign areas."

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